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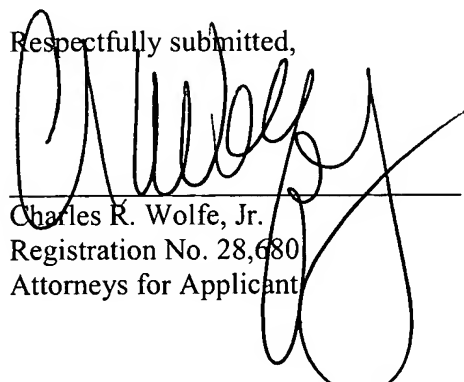
By the foregoing amendment, an Abstract has been added to the specification. Applicant wishes to point out that this Abstract is identical to the Abstract published by WIPO in International Publication No. WO 2005/012774 (which application corresponds to the subject application).

In addition, by the foregoing amendment, the claims have been amended delete the multiple dependencies, thereby reducing the filing fee.

Applicant retains all rights to the subject matter covered by the canceled multiple dependent claims by making these claims directly dependent on a single claim. The subject matter now not included in these claims may be reintroduced as multiple dependent claims or as separate independent or dependent claims in the present application or in a continuation and/or divisional application.

Prompt, favorable action on the subject application, as presently amended, is earnestly solicited.

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## **APPENDIX**

### **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A valve for selectively providing access to a supply of drinking fluid retained within a portable flexible container (18) comprises a tubular body (1) having at one end a stem (2) insertable into an opening in communication with the container and at its other end an outlet (3) through which fluid from the container can leave the valve. A piston (6) is mounted for sliding movement within a central bore (4) of the body and is resiliently urged into engagement with an annular seating (11) positioned at the bore end closest to the outlet (3). Means are provided for moving the piston (6) against the action of the resilient means (14) to enable fluid to be drawn from the container past the piston and through the outlet.